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(*b*) whether it is a fact that he also collected 22 nP. instead of 19 nP. from some passengers?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Sir, what action has been taken against the conductor?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Disciplinary action has been taken against that conductor.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : When the conductor said that he had only 22 nP. tickets and no 19 nP. tickets, some of the passengers had only 19 nP. and not 22 nP. they had to walk the distance from the Queen Mary's College to Santhome. Are the Government aware of this?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The Government imagine that such a thing might have happened. We have no definite information. But this is certainly a lapse on the part of the conductor, and definite action has been taken against him.

Music teachers

* 266 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from Music teachers in the service of the Thanjavur District Board about their discharge from service; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) No general representation from Music teachers in the service of the Thanjavur District Board has been received. An appeal to Government in a particular case was received and suitable orders have been passed thereon.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, is it a fact that a qualified music teacher was treated as unqualified by the District Educational Officer and the Director had to intervene and say that she was qualified?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I have already stated that in one particular case there was a representation and that suitable orders have been passed. I do not think individual cases could be taken up during question time.

Higher Grade teachers

* 267 *Q*.—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of higher grade teachers in elementary schools ousted as a result of the appointment of secondary grade teachers to teach English in Standard V; and

(*b*) the steps taken to absorb them?